persons at the time of regularisation of quarters to their wards;

(b) whether demand letters for overstaying in the quarters were sent to these persons alongwith allotment letters;

(c) what is the number of persons out of the said 15 persons to whom demand letters were sent despite non-payment of overstaying charges and these charges were recovered in instalment; and

(d) what are the reasons for such discrimination?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) Rs. 20,603.50 (Rs. Twenty thousand Six hundred three and paise fifty only) was recovered from 13 persons.

(b) Demand letters in 14 cases were sent before the issue of allotment/regularisation letters. However, in one case demand letter was sent along with the regularisation letter.

(c) One.

(d) As per existing allotment rules allotment of alternative accommodation or regularisation of the same quarter can be made in the names of wards of retired/deceased Govt. servants only after the dues/damages for the period of overstay are cleared. However, in deserving cases the dues can be recovered in instalments with the concurrence of the Finance Division. Under this rule, only in one out of 15 cases, the outstanding dues were ordered to be recovered in instalments after the date of regularisation.

Unauthorised construction in Vasant Vihar

1850. MAULANA OBAIDULLAH KHAN AZMI: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of unauthorised/illegal Kiosks/Dhabas/Taxi stands in Delhi/New Delhi at present;

(b) the number of such shops, kiosks and dhabas in Vasant Vihar, New Delhi, at present;

(c) whether any responsibility has been fixed in the matter;

(d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and

(e) what steps are being taken to remove such illegal/unauthorised shops, kiosks and dhabas in Vasant Vihar?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) and (b) The NDMC has reported that there are only 51 unauthorised dhabas in their area, but no unauthorised kiosks and taxi stands. MCD in whose jurisdiction Vasant Vihar falls has reported that no such survey has been carried out.

(c) to (e) NDMC has reported that action against the owners of unauthorised dhabas have been taken under Section 155/129 of the Punjab Municipal Act. Sanitary inspectors of respective areas are required to take action against illegal unauthorised dhabas under section 7/23/16 of Food Adulteration Act. MCD has reported that such action is taken under section 322 of the D.M.C. Act as and when such illegal constructions are noticed.

Representaton to Muslims in the staff of Ministry of Agriculture

1851. MAULANA OBAIDULLAH KHAN AZMI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the strength of staff in the Ministry of Agriculture;

(b) what is the number and percentage of Muslims therein, rank-wise;

(c) whether any scheme has been prepared by Government for their welfare; and if so, the details thereof; and

(d) what steps are being taken to give due representation to Muslims in the Ministry of Agriculture?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN): (a) to (d) The information is being collected.

Construction of yeleru reservoir in East Godavari, Andhra Pradesh

1852. DR. YELAMANCHILI SIVAJI: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether any proposals are pending with Government for construction of Yeleru Reservoir in East Godavari in Andhra Pradesh;

(b) if so, since how long it is pending and the reasons therefor; and

(c) how many clarifications are further sought from the State, the details thereof and at what stage it is pending?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI VIDYACHARAN SHUKLA): (a) to (c) The Yeleru Reservoir Project (Phase-I) estimated to cost Rs. 222.93 crores was received in Central Water Commission in September, 1986. Over all review of the project was made in November, 1987. It was seen that the project was not economically viable both for Phase-I as well as for its final phase. The project was also not having clearance from Environment and Forest angles. The project was, therefore, considered unacceptable by Central Water Commission for further processing and the State Government was informed accordingly.

Further, the Andhra Pradesh Government has been requested in May, 1989 to allocate share cost of the project between irrigation and water supply to Vishakhapatnam steel plant as suggested by Central Water Commission and obtain concurrence of Ministry of Steel and Mines for the same.

Now, the State Government is required to take following actions:—

(i) Prepare updated estimate as suggestedffi

(ii) Obtain environmental clearance;

(iii) Modify and revise agreement for water supply to Vishakhapatnam Steel Plant so as to make the overall project viable.

In the meantime, hydrological details received from the State Government as a basic requirement have been accepted by the Central Water Commission for examination.

Construction of Vamsadhara Project, Andhra Pradesh

1853. DR. YELAMANCHILI SIVAJI: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration for construction of Vamsadhara Project-Stage II in Andhra Pradesh;

(b) if so, at what stage the proposal is pending;

(c) how many times further clarifications are sought from the State Government; and

(d) what are the proposals and the details thereof;

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI VIDYACHARAN SHUKLA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) The Vamsadhara Project Stage-II was considered by the Advisory Committee at its meeting held on 25-10-1988. Before this, in order to get the techno-economic viability established, the Andhra Pradesh Government was required to comply with about 42 clarifications sought by the Central Water Commission. The Advisory Committee, however, deferred consideration of the project till the State Government obtains clearance from environmental and forest angles. Formal concurrence of the Government of Orissa is also required for taking up works in Orissa territory. As the project affects Scheduled Tribe population, the rehabilitation and resettlement plans are to be vetted by the Ministry of Welfare.